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PRESS RELEASE

USAID-Funded Kyrgyz Agro-Input Enterprise Development Project Organized a Ceremony for the Opening of the “Sigls International” Farm Store

On August 12, 2008, Kyrgyz Agro-Input Enterprise Development Project (KAED), funded by the United States Agency on International Development (USAID), organized a ceremony for the opening of the Sigls International Farm Store in Bishkek, located at 37 Turusbekova Street. The initiative for opening the store came from a member of the Association of Agribusinessmen (AAK) Jer Azygy – Amana Daniyarova.

The main objectives of the store opening are the promotion of quality-certified seeds, fertilizers, and crop protection products and improvement of the agribusiness dealers' network. The store carries products such as seeds (vegetables, fruits, and other plants), nutrients (potassium, nitric acid, and phosphorus), turf fertilizers, crop protection products, and veterinary medicine supplies. In addition to the products for sale, the farm store also provides consulting services on fertilizer application, cultivation of different types of plants, and veterinary issues.

The KAED Project works on the development of the input-market in northern Kyrgyzstan and integrates agricultural input markets countrywide. The goal of KAED is to stimulate Kyrgyzstan's growth in agricultural output by promoting private-sector investment in agricultural input technologies and marketing.

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